

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, has been carefully reviewed in light of the Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions.

The Office Action was discussed between the undersigned and the Examiner during a personal interview on September 14, 2004, for which, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss this case.

Claims 2, 6-17, and 20-22 are indicated to contain allowable subject matter. By the above amendments, claims 1 through 19 have been canceled without prejudice, and claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form to include substantially all the limitations of claim 1. No new matter has been added. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 20 is now allowable.

Claims 21 and 22 are dependent from claim 20 and are therefore allowable for the same reason as claim 20.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, has been addressed and it is believed that claims 20-22 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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